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REMARKS

Applicant has amended claim 14. Thus, claims 1 - 14 are pending and presented for examination. Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Response to Claim Objections:

The Examiner objected to claim 14 due to informalities. Applicants have amended claim 14 as suggested by the Examiner. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 14.

Response To Rejections Under Section 102:

Claims 1, 3, 5, 7, 9-14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the Examiner contending that these claims are anticipated by Keyes (USPN 2004/0204775).

The Applicant respectfully submits that Keys is not prior art because Applicants claim priority to the European Patent Application No. 01119041.0 filing date of August 7, 2001, which antedates Keyes filing date of March 11, 2004. Moreover, while US Provisional Application No. 60/273,164 filed on March 1, 2001 (Keyes priority document) is prior art, it does not disclose the subject matter for which the Examiner uses Keyes.

Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) rejection under Keyes to claims 1, 3, 5, 7, and 9-14.

Response To Rejections Under Section 103:

Claims 2, 4, 6, and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), the Examiner contending that these claims are obvious over Keyes in view of Hsiung et al (USPN 2003/0144746).

In view of the remarks in connection with the Section 102 rejection, Applicants respectfully submit the prior art, alone or in combination, does not teach or suggest the claimed invention. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 U.S.C § 103(a) rejection to claims 2, 4, 6 and 8.


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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the objection and rejections set forth in the outstanding Office Action are inapplicable to the present claims. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the objections and rejections and timely pass the application to allowance. Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this paper. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees due in connection with this paper, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,

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